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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: MNUC, SF  
SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICA AGAIN DENIES NUCLEAR CHARGES

REF: PRETORIA 4246 & 4248; PARIS 24336

LAGOS FOR MOOSE AND YOUNG

1. BOTH ENGLISH AND AFRIKAANS MORNING PRESS OF AUGUST 23  
CARRIED LEAD STORIES ON FRENCH RADIO REPORT THAT SOUTH  
AFRICA HAS BUILT ATOMIC TEST INSTALLATIONS IN THE  
KALAHARI DESERT AND FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD'S  
STATEMENT THAT HE HAS " PRECISE INDICATIONS" THAT SOUTH  
AFRICA IS PLANNING AN ATOMIC TEST. THE ARTICLES STATE  
THAT SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICIALS HAVE AGAIN DENIED THE  
ALLEGATION. SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS BRAND FOURIE  
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WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THE REPORT WAS " INCOMPREHENSIBLE"  
AND THAT THE FRENCH EMBASSY HAD TOLD HIM IT HAD NO  
KNOWLEDGE OF DE GUIRINGAUD'S ALLEGATION. DR. A.J.A.  
ROUX, PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN ATOMIC ENERGY  
BOARD, ALSO ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO THE  
PRESS: QUOTE THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR. R.F.  
BOTH, HAS MADE IT VERY CLEAR IN HIS STATEMENTS OVER

THE PAST FEW DAYS THAT THERE IS NO TRUTH WHATSOEVER  
IN THE ALLEGATIONS THAT SOUTH AFRICA WAS ABOUT TO TEST  
A NUCLEAR WEAPON. AS PRESIDENT OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY  
BOARD, I HAVE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN THAT  
EMPHASIZED THAT THE COUNTRY'S ENTIRE NUCLEAR RESEARCH  
AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IS DEVOTED TO THE PEACEFUL  
USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. IN SPITE OF THESE CLEAR  
STATEMENTS SOUTH AFRICA IS ACCUSED OF HAVING EMBARKED  
ON A NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAMME. WHAT IS REVEALING,  
IS THE FACT THAT NOT ONE OF THOSE MAKING THESE  
ACCUSATIONS IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE THE SLIGHTEST  
EVIDENCE OF THE BASIS OF THEIR ATTACKS. FURTHERMORE,  
IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE  
STILL A LARGE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET  
SIGNED THE NON- PROLIFERATION TREATY, SOUTH AFRICA IS  
THE ONLY ONE WHICH HAS BEEN SINGLED OUT FOR CRITICISM  
IN THIS RESPECT UNQUOTE. BOWDLER

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